

Meeting Pre-work

To help us prepare for the Joint Tribal and Public Advisory Committee Meeting on March 26, 2014 we need your help in completing a small amount of pre-work. We will be discussing the pre-work results during several agenda items in the Joint session and using it in staff discussions.

In order to compile results in time for the meeting we are asking that you complete the pre-work by:

9 AM - MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

Please treat this as a quick assignment. We would like your initial thoughts and impressions. You will be provided an opportunity to provide more in-depth input in the future.

If you are short on time PLEASE focus on the FIRST 10 (ten) questions. You may return to the survey at anytime to update your answers as long as you are using the same computer.

1. Please indicate which the Water Plan Committee you are a member (or alternate) of:

- ☐ Public Advisory Committee
- ☐ State Agency Steering Committee
- ☐ Tribal Advisory Committee
- ☐ DWR Staff

Other (please specify)

Role of the California Water Plan

The California Water Plan provides a collaborative planning framework for elected officials, agencies, tribes, water and resource managers, businesses, academia, stakeholders, and the public to develop findings and recommendations and make informed decisions for California's water future.

Prepared as a strategic plan, the Water Plan Updates present:

1. Status and trends of California's water-dependent natural resources.
2. Information on water supplies and agricultural, urban, and environmental water demands for a range of plausible future scenarios.
3. An evaluation of different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship.
4. Effective actions and policies for meeting California's resource management objectives in the near term and for several decades to come.

One goal for each Water Plan update is to receive broad input and support from Californians in producing a plan that: meets California Water Code requirements; guides State investments in innovation and infrastructure; and advances integrated water management and sustainable outcomes.

We are interested in learning your perspective on the role of the Water Plan.

2. The purpose of the Water Plan Updates is to present strategic water planning information. How successful was Water Update 2013 in accomplishing this on the following topics? How important will it be for the Water Plan process to accomplish this in Update 2018?

| | Degree of Success in Update 2013 | Importance for Update 2018 |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Status and trends of California's water-dependent natural resources. | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. Information on water supplies and agricultural, urban, and environmental water demands for a range of plausible future scenarios. | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. An evaluation of different combinations of regional and statewide resource management strategies to reduce water demand, increase water supply, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and enhance environmental and resource stewardship. | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. Effective actions and policies for meeting California's resource management objectives in the near term and for several decades to come. | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Other (please specify) | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | |

Very little or no success
Less than desirable success
Moderate success
Good success
Very good success
Other (please describe)

Not Important
Lower Priority
Moderate Priority
Higher Priority
Very Important
Other (please describe)

Priorities for Water Plan Update 2018

There are three basic kinds of work conducted to create the Water Plan Update:

1. Collecting Data
2. Analyzing Data and Creating Meaningful Information
3. Creating Strategies and Actions based on that Information

Different tasks are associated with these three work phases and there are different audiences for the many different Water Plan deliverables and chapters.

As mentioned during the 2013 Annual Plenary Meeting, under the current budget forecast there will be a down-scoping of Water Plan Update 2018.

We would like to know more about your thoughts on current and future Water Plan work. Please answer the following questions in your role as an Advisory or Steering Committee member.

Water Plan Activities

Water Supply and Balances

Future Scenarios

Strategic Planning

Regional Planning

Progress Report

Resource Mgmt Strategies

Water Technology

Outreach and Collaboration

Topic Integration

Finance Planning

Groundwater

Land Use

Water Quality

Climate Change

Document Proc

Flood Manager

Sustainability I

Notes:

The Californian's Without Safe Water Report was accomplished within the Water Quality and Collaboration activities.

Work on drought planning was accomplished by others in DWR and then incorporated with many of the other Water Plan activities.

3. The DWR Website contains more information about the key Water Plan activities. (Links labeled - click here - are provided next to the ones listed below.)

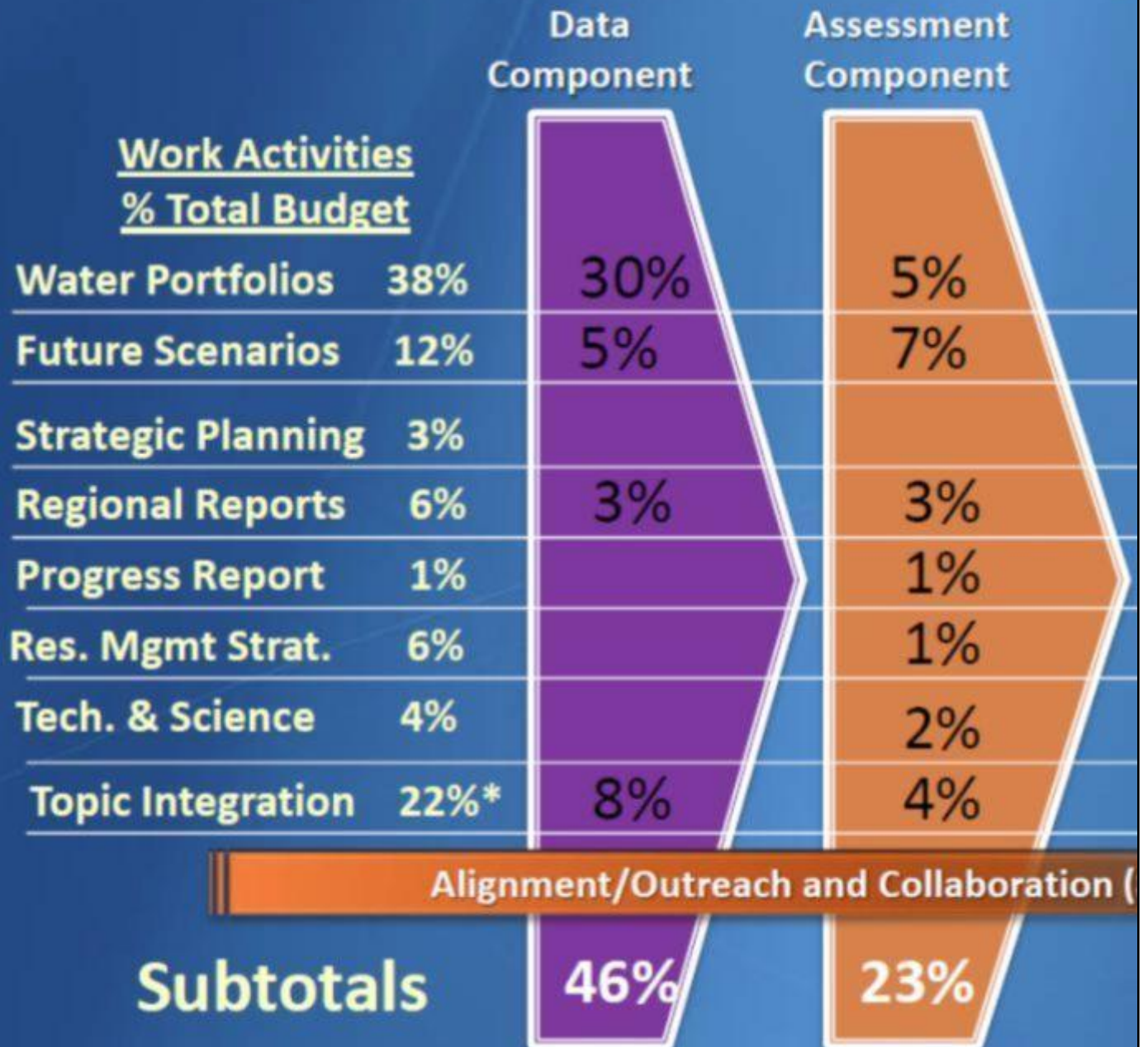
How familiar are you with the key activities of Water Plan Update 2013?

| | No or low awareness | Moderately aware | Good awareness | Highly aware |
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| Water Portfolios (info click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Future Scenarios (info click here and click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Strategic Planning (see Water Plan Volume 1 click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Regional Reports (see Water Plan Volume 2 click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Progress Report (see Update 2009 report click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Resource Management Strategies (see Water Plan Volume 3 click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Technology and Science (this topic appears in Multiple Locations, for more info see the Technology Caucus Charter click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Alignment/Outreach and Collaboration (for 2013 activities click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Topic Integration includes incorporation of more in-depth work on key topics.** Caucus work groups were created for many of these topics. For more on the Caucuses click here . | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ** Finance Planning (see Water Plan Volume 1 click here and Work Team Scope and Deliverables click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ** Groundwater (see Resource Management Strategy click here and Work Team Scope and Deliverables click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ** Land Use (see Resource Management Strategy click here . Significant work was also done on collection of the land and water use data and development of tools to quantify water use under different land use patterns click here and click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ** Water Quality (see Overview click here and Resource Management Strategies click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ** Climate Change (see Overview click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ** Flood Management (see Overview click here and Resource Management Strategies click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ** Sustainability Indicators (see Work Team Scope and Deliverables click here) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ** Document Production | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

Update 2013 Resource Allocation b

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4. The graphic above illustrates the approximate amount of resources used to accomplish the various Water Plan activities in Update 2013. In most cases staff believes some of this work could be completed with less DWR resources in Update 2018. For this question, separate the expenditures from the importance of the activity.

For Update 2018 what emphasis or priority should be placed on the following activities?

| | None | Less priority | About the same | More priority | Much more emphasis |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Water Supply and Balances | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Future Scenarios | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Strategic Planning | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Regional Planning | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Progress Report | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Resource Management Strategies | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Water Technology | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Outreach and Collaboration | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Finance Planning | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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| Climate Change | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Document Production | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Flood Management | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Sustainability | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Other (please specify)

5. In Update 2013 and previous updates the work associated with acquiring data required the largest share of Water Plan resources. There are a variety of ways to reduce the cost of gathering this information including having it provided by others. For example, some have suggested it might be possible to have the regions provide this information directly, through the Integrated Regional Water Management planning process. Other ways to reduce cost include reducing the amount of data gathered and/or reusing information collected during Update 2013.

The Water Plan team is also looking at more use of technology to reduce costs.

What other types of cost savings related to data should the team be considering?



6. In an earlier question you noted how much emphasis should be placed on activities relative to Update 2013. For this question assume the Water Plan team could only work on FIVE activities. Please check your top five choices.

- ☐ Water Supply and Balances
- ☐ Future Scenarios
- ☐ Strategic Planning
- ☐ Regional Planning
- ☐ Progress Report
- ☐ Resource Mgmt Strategies
- ☐ Water Technology
- ☐ Outreach and Collaboration
- ☐ Finance Planning
- ☐ Groundwater
- ☐ Land Use
- ☐ Water Quality
- ☐ Climate Change
- ☐ Document Production
- ☐ Flood Management
- ☐ Sustainability
- ☐ Other

Other (please specify)

7. Given the increased importance of measuring and reporting progress towards, and effectiveness of, water management actions, what advice would you give to improve the effectiveness of the Update 2018 Progress Report?

8. What, if any, new or different activities should Water Plan Update 2018 address?

9. A purpose of the Water Plan's recommendations is to inform and incent State government water policy and investment. What should be the role of the Water Plan advisory body members in advancing this objective? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Sharing information with constituents
- ☐ Engaging with elected officials
- ☐ Collaborating with resource managers and agencies
- ☐ Aligning with land use planning agencies
- ☐ Attending key meetings and hearings
- ☐ Including information in publications
- ☐ Incorporating key concepts in your own plans and/or IRWM Plans
- ☐ Broadening your Stakeholder Community
- ☐ Identifying Funding Strategies

Other (please specify)

10. How can the Water Plan process better enable you to fulfill your roles (identified above in Question 9) as a member of one of the advisory bodies?

11. Water Plan eNews was an important communication tool during Update 2013. Thinking about receiving this weekly newsletter, how would you rate the information provided?

| | Not Enough | Just Right | Too Much | Don't Read It |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ENEWs Content (items included) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Frequency | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

12. Related to development of Water Plan documents, some have suggested that it might be possible to use an open source or wiki style input process for text or data. There are some limitations to this type of input; however, if concerns could be resolved, which Water Plan activities would lend themselves to a Wiki-based update approach?

What Did You Think About the Meeting Process?

Following are a few questions about the actual meetings.

13. Please indicate what other Water Plan venues you were involved in. (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Annual Plenary
- ☐ Regional Meetings
- ☐ Caucus Meetings
- ☐ State Water Analysis Meetings (SWAN)
- ☐ Resource Management Strategy Workshops
- ☐ Other Workshops (Graphics, etc.)
- ☐ Briefings/Webinars
- ☐ Public/ Tribal Advisory Committee Mtgs.
- ☐ Water Plan Update 2013 Objectives Web-a-thon (June 13-14, 2013)
- ☐ Meetings held with Caucus Chairs

Other (please specify)

14. Thinking about the Advisory or Steering Committee you are a member of, what are your thoughts about the frequency of just those meetings?

- ☐ The number of meetings were about right.
- ☐ We met too much.
- ☐ We didn't meet often enough.

Other (please specify)

15. Whenever feasible both an in-room (in-person) and on-line/phone option was offered for meetings. It is likely that meeting technology will improve. It is generally less expensive to conduct electronic meetings than it is to conduct in-person meetings. What are your thoughts about having more on-line/phone meetings? (Please select all that apply.)

- ☐ I prefer being able to attend in-person even if there are minor additional costs.
- ☐ Some replacement might be okay for budget purposes but in-person meeting options should be the rule rather than exception.
- ☐ I think we should really move to more use of technology for budget reasons
- ☐ I think we should move to more use of technology for convenience.
- ☐ I think some meetings could be completely replaced with surveys, briefings or other methods.
- ☐ It doesn't matter to me one way or another.

Other (please specify)

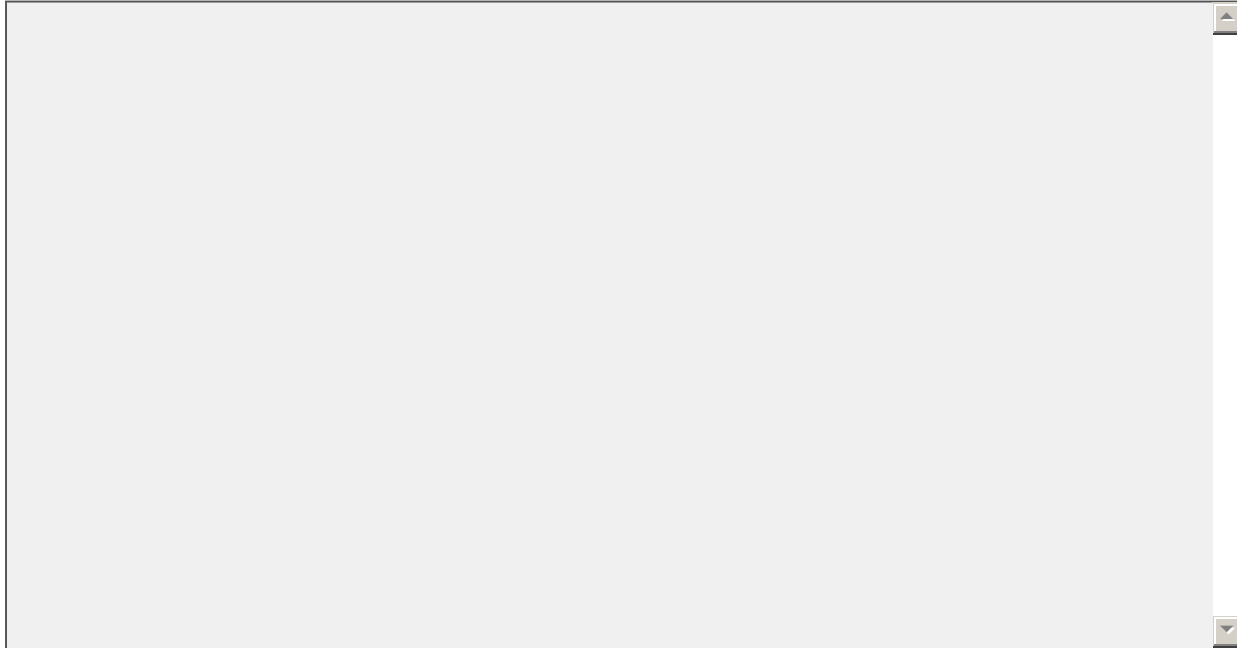
16. Outreach and Collaboration for Water Plan Update 2013 was designed to allow Advisory and Steering Committee members to focus on topics they were most interested in through Topic-based Caucus meetings and workshops. Meetings of the Committees focused more on strategic planning activities. What changes would you make to this approach for Update 2018?

17. The use of 3rd party neutral facilitators to help with Advisory Committee activities started with Water Plan Update 2005. Since then a number of DWR and Water Boards staff have received facilitation training and in Update 2013 facilitated some SWAN, Plenary and other workshops. Staff also helped with Regional Meetings.

What advice do you have related to facilitation in Update 2018?

Additional Thoughts

18. If you have any additional comments (or need more entries), please use this box.

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19. OPTIONAL - We occasionally have questions about responses. If you are willing to provide more input please let us know the best way to contact you.

Your Name:

Email:

and/or Phone:

Organization/Agency: